GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:258
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2007
SUGARCANE PRICES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sugarcane farmers in the country particularly in Karnataka have been demanding increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Sugarcane for 2007-08;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether an amendment to the Sugar Control Order, 1966 has also been sought by the Sugarcane farmers for ensuring better price for their produce; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 258 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 03.12.2007 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): No, Sir. The Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) for sugarcane payable by the sugar factories for 2007-2008 sugar season was fixed at Rs. 81.18 per quintal for a basic recovery rate of 9 per cent subject to a premium of Rs. 0.90 for every 0.1 percentage point increase in the recovery above that level. This was conveyed to the sugar producing States in January, 2007. No demand has been received from sugarcane farmers to increase the SMP for 2007-2008 sugar season.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.